

Friday, May 8, 1998

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S4555–S4602*

**Measures Introduced:** Three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2054–2056, and S. Res. 226. Page S4558

**Measures Passed:**

**International Whaling:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 226, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the policy of the United States at the 50th Annual Meeting of the International Whaling Commission. Pages S4600–01

**Authorizing Use of Capitol Grounds:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 265, authorizing the use of the East Front of the Capitol Grounds for performances sponsored by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Page S4601

**National Science Foundation Authorizations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 1046, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the National Science Foundation. Page S4601

**Religious Liberty and Charitable Donations Protection Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 1244, to amend title 11, United States Code, to protect certain charitable contributions. Page S4601

**Measures Placed on Calendar:** Page S4558

**Statements on Introduced Bills:** Pages S4558–60

**Additional Cosponsors:** Page S4560

**Additional Statements:** Pages S4561–63

**Text of H.R. 2676 as Previously Passed:** Pages S4563–S4600

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 11:21 a.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, May 11, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4601.)

### Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

The House was not in session. It will next meet on Monday, May 11.

### Committee Meetings

#### DECIMAL PRICING—INDUSTRY IMPLEMENTATION

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on Industry Implementation of Decimal Pricing. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Thomas J. McCool, Director and Richard J. Hillman, Associate Director, both with the Financial

Institutions and Markets Issues, General Government Division; and Keith Rhodes, Technical Director, Accounting and Information Management Division.

#### MAMMOGRAPHY QUALITY STANDARDS ACT REAUTHORIZATION

*Commerce on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on Reauthorization of the Mammography Quality Standards Act. Testimony was heard from D. Bruce Burlington, M.D., Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; Marsha Lillie-Blanton, Associate Director, Health Services, Quality, and Public Health Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

**AMERICAN WORKER PROJECT**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on American Worker Project: Determining the Appropriateness of Rulemaking at the U.S. Department of Labor—Regulatory Strategies Outside the Scope of the Administrative Procedure Act. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Labor: John Fraser, Acting Administrator, Wage and Hour Division; and Charles Jeffress, Assistant Secretary, Occupational Safety and Health Administration; and public witnesses.

**OVERSIGHT—DC POLICE DEPARTMENT-FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE**

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on the District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department Oversight and Federal Law Enforcement Assistance. Testimony was heard from Charles H. Ramsey, Chief of Police, Metropolitan Police Department; Stephen Harlan, Vice-Chairman, Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Peter F. Gruden, Special Agent, District of Columbia, DEA; and John Barrett, Special Agent, Criminal Division, Washington Field Office, FBI; Peter J. Dowling, Special Agent, Washington Field Office, U.S. Secret Service, Department of the Treasury; and Gary Abrccht, Chief, U.S. Capitol Police.

**Joint Meetings****EMPLOYMENT-UNEMPLOYMENT**

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee held hearings to examine the employment-unemployment situation for April, receiving testimony from Katherine G. Abraham, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

Committee recessed subject to call.

**CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD**

Week of May 11 through 16, 1998

**Senate Chamber**

On *Monday*, Senate will consider the conference report on S. 1150, Agriculture Research, Extension, and Reauthorization Act, and may begin consideration of S. 1873, Missile Defense Act.

On *Tuesday*, Senate may conclude consideration of the conference report on S. 1150, Agriculture Research, Extension, and Reauthorization Act, and consider S. 1244, regarding charitable contributions.

During the week, Senate may also consider S. 1046, National Science Foundation Authorizations,

and any executive and legislative business cleared for action.

(Senate will recess on Tuesday, May 12, 1998, from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)

**Senate Committees**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* May 14, to hold hearings on the Department of Agriculture's Year 2000 compliance, 9 a.m., SR-332.

*Committee on Appropriations:* May 11 and 13, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense, Monday at 2 p.m. and Wednesday at 10 a.m., SD-192.

May 12, Subcommittee on Military Construction, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense BRAC environmental programs, 10 a.m., SD-138.

May 14, Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, to hold hearings to examine the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Gang Resistance, Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) program, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

May 14, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine the Employee Retirement Income Security Act's (ERISA) preemption, focusing on remedies for denied or delayed health claims, 12:30 p.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* May 13, Subcommittee on Communications, to hold hearings to examine the Federal Communication Commission's oversight of the Wireless Bureau, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* May 13, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

May 14, Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings on titles IX and X of S. 1693, to renew, reform, reinvigorate, and protect the National Park System, and S. 1614, to require a permit for the making of motion picture, television program, or other forms of commercial visual depiction in a unit of the National Park System or National Wildlife Refuge System, 2 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* May 12, to hold hearings on S. 1868, to express United States foreign policy with respect to, and to strengthen United States advocacy on behalf of, individuals persecuted for their faith worldwide, to authorize United States actions in response to religious persecution worldwide, to establish an Ambassador at Large on International Religious Freedom within the Department of State, a Commission on International Religious Persecution, and a Special Adviser on International Religious Freedom within the National Security Council, 2 p.m., SD-419.

May 13, Full Committee, to hold hearings on the Montreal Protocol No. 4 to Amend the Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules Relating to International